

window, we made the landing safely about twelve o'clock. Spent two days in this locality; preached two sermons to fair audiences; met many old friends and acquaintances. Upon the whole my visit was one of great pleasure, taking into consideration the warm reception given me, both in and out of the church, the kindness shown toward me, and the many pressing invitations to come again creates an affinity that I trust will always last.

After reaching home a few days I received a letter from brother A. B. Hoffman, of Woodbury, Pa., stating that he had shipped to my address one barrel of flour; a bill accompanied the letter but no charges, that means he makes it a present to his former pastor. May the good Lord bless brother Hoffman for his gift and the churches of Morrison cove abundantly as well as his people elsewhere.

J. F. KOONTZ.

TROY, O. Nov. 17, 1894.

THE BRETHREN EVANGELIST:—The Brethren of the Troy Church, Troy Ohio, will hold their communion services Thursday evening, Dec. 13, 1894. Bloomer, Covington, Pleasant Hill, and Dayton churches are invited.

Respectfully,

SIMON MIKESELL.

FROM FLORA, INDIANA.

For some time we did not know whether the Flora Brethren Church would survive or not but thanks be to God we are free from the debt that has threatened our destruction for six years. We do not know how to express our gratitude to those who assisted us in time of need. Many thanks to Indiana Conference, Bros. Summers, Hopkins and all others. Special thanks to Bro. David Hufford, of Rossville, Ind., for that liberal donation of \$10. We were enabled by the liberal response to our plea for help to pay the debt of \$90 with a surplus of \$24.01. Some of us had almost lost hopes of reviving the Brethren's cause here at Flora but a brighter day is dawning. We have had a fiery trial which I will not relate. I think the churches would rather hear of victories than defeats. Also God will bless us more for work than complaint and the cause of Christ is advanced only by those who know not discouragements.

B. H. FLORA.

FROM LANARK, ILLINOIS.

The church at this place held their semi-annual communion services on the evening of Nov. 15th. About one hundred members enjoyed the sacred Love-feast, all from our own congregation with the exception of six from Milledgeville. Preparatory services were held on the evening of the 14th. Brother S. J. Harrison, of Chicago, delivered one of his—not usual strong sermons—but of his unusually strong ones. He has been known to be sharp and pointed in his remarks but these were exceptionally so. This prepared the membership for the occasion and

assisted in making the services of rich benefit to all. This feast was one of the best we ever had in this church. Bro. Harrison also rendered very valuable service during this memorable occasion and communion. Two new members were received by letter on the eve of the 14th. Sister Grossnickle will be with us on the evenings of Nov. 22nd and 23rd. We are rejoicing over the good news brought to our notice in the EVANGELIST, the saving of souls.

Z. T. LIVENGOOD.

Nov. 16, 1894.

FROM ROANOKE, VA.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—We get down on the stool of confession as to our delinquencies in not reporting tidings from the Roanoke field. Those who attribute our negligence to the dearth of good news will please withhold judgment till the testimony is all in. The Fall campaign is one of unusual activity in this part of the field. A continuous revival has been in progress at our Red Hill station since August and up to date we have added thirteen souls to the "gospel alone" band, among whom we note the brightest of the young men and women of the neighborhood. We celebrated the *tragedy of Calvary* there last evening and a happier body of communicants never sat at the festal board. Most of them communed for the first time and their fresh, young, innocent faces glowed with the exuberance of joy that filled their hearts. A large audience filled the auditorium and marked solemnity and devout attention characterized their department. It was the first sacramental service ever held there under the auspices of the Brethren. We have secured the pastoral services of Elder John Bowman of Rockingham City for the Roanoke city work for a year and he entered on his work the third Sunday of this month. My time will be given to the Lunenburg, Floyd, Carroll and Montgomery departments and to the congregations around Roanoke. On the 12 of Nov. I am engaged to go to Lunenburg to assist Bro. Love in a series of meetings and early in Dec. I will go to Floyd and Carroll counties for a month's service. Our love feast will be held in Roanoke city on the 10th of Nov. commencing at 3.00. The members of the Brethren church are all cordially invited to participate. The future of our cause in this part of Virginia is very bright. We have added to our ranks several young men of more than ordinary gifts, God-fearing and zealous, and they will soon be called to take part in the ministry. In new fields we have to encounter and dissipate the black clouds of prejudice and partisan rivalry but we use the sword of the spirit and the sun of righteousness comes with the healing balm and the end is better than the beginning. Our trials all turn out to God's glory in the triumph of His cause as it did in St. Paul's day, so may it be.

D. C. MOOMAW.

P. S.—This letter was delayed, the Roanoke feast is past, a most joyous

occasion it proved to be and the good work goes on. One more soul was added to the church since writing the foregoing, a maiden of twenty summers, and others are "almost persuaded." Our meetings are largely attended and we give them installments of "sound doctrine" unmixed with the commandments of men. On account of the illness of members in Lunenburg city the revival meeting there has been postponed. D. C. M.

The blessed cause of our Master is still progressing. Six were baptized tonight. All we trust will be very useful. Two men and their wives and two young ladies. Four also accepted the invitation by publicly confessing Christ. So the work moves on. We will have the largest ingathering this meeting that we have had at any revival since we have been in the city. The most encouraging part of our work is the spiritual growth of the membership. If we continue to develop as we have been for the last few months we will double our power for good in the next year. We pray more, live better and work harder than ever before. But, O how far all of us live below our privileges. May God help us as a gospel alone church, to live higher, love more, pray more earnestly, and work more faithfully than we have in the past. Our meetings will close on Wednesday evening when we will again have baptism and also communion service. I will give a full account of our meetings after they close. We had the largest congregation tonight we have had since Bro. Bashor was with us. We have much to praise the Lord for. This has been the happiest day to me since I came to Philadelphia. I have also done harder work today than ever before. Our extreme happiness has been mingled with sorrow. Our dear Bro. Light whom I baptized about two years ago was buried today. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss. We pray that this sad providence may bring them all to a saving knowledge of the only real Comforter, the blessed Jesus. Preached this morning at 10:30, funeral at 1 P. M., taught S. S. lesson at 2:30, took part in Christian Endeavor at 7, preached again at 7:45, baptized at close of service, and now after asking God's blessing upon all the work I shall retire, hoping to have a peaceful and quiet rest the remainder of night. How blessed to lie down to rest with a consciousness of the angels of God guarding us during the silent hours of the night.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

APPLIED CHRISTIANITY.

Applied Christianity is finding no field of exercise more practical and worthy than in the university of settlements, and we are gratified to note the increasing number of these societies. The idea of university settlements originated in England in Oxford university early in the sixties, and was advocated zealously by Ruskin, Thomas Hill Green and John Richard Green, the historian of the English people. Many isolated and individual

attempts were made to carry it into operation, but no permanent embodiment of it was effected till 1885, when Toynbee Hall, named after one of the most zealous and effective advocates of the idea, was built with the proceeds of a fund which had been raised in honor of his memory. This was placed in the most densely populated district in the east end, and was arranged as far as possible to suggest an English college. Entrance is through a narrow arch from one of the noisiest streets, and through the rear of a large warehouse into a court upon which the windows of the hall face. The walls are covered with vines, and on the window ledges are boxes filled with flowers. Within the building there are accommodations for twenty-two men or "residents," who live there as teachers and helpers in the work; lecture rooms, dining and drawing rooms, library, reading room, a large lecture or meeting room, and in short all necessary accommodations for the social and educational objects of the society. There is a regular force of about fifteen duly elected "residents," some of whom have been connected with the hall since its establishment, and a few of whom are men of independent means who devote their lives to the work. Then there is a constantly changing force of visitors from the universities who come for lectures or short periods of instruction. All the "residents" and transient teachers pay their own expenses.—Sel.

God's love runneth faster than our feet

To meet us stealing back to Him and peace.

And kisses dumb our shame, nay, and puts on

The best robe, bidding angels bring it forth.—Edwin Arnold.

If one wants to get in a crooked path just follow the directions of a cork screw.

No man of mere physical science can understand the deepest realities of nature born from an eternal cause.

The soft blue sky, the infinite azure, is His; the golden sunrise and the daily miracle of beauty in the sunset of the western sky, are the works of the same Eternal Painter.

It is this Eternal Spirit who is beneath all that world of wonders which modern astronomy, geology, physiology, botany, animal mechanics, chemistry and art unfold to us in our own day, until we now at last stand almost breathless with admiration, the more we know, in the midst of such a universe of fearful wonders and of splendor and intellectual delight. One Eternal Spirit pervades the whole creation—the "wheels are full of eyes," the living creatures are full of eyes also, and those eyes represent the eyes of the all-seeing, all-upholding, all-directing intellect and will of God. The whole earth is full of his glory.